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COUNTRY USSR (Black Sea)

REPORT

SUBJECT Observations Made En Route to and
in Odessa and Novorossiysk

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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

- a. Possible RIGA-class escort vessel
- b. Five cruisers maneuvering in the Sevastopol area on 24 June 1958.
- c. Existence of buoys not marked on charts.
- d. Searchlight warnings of restricted area along Crimean coast and from Cape Anapa to Novorossiysk.
- e. Vessels in Odessa: possible RIGA-class escort vessel
naval tanker a destroyer cable
layer, submarine
- f. No naval units were present in Novorossiysk.
- g. Inspections and controls in Odessa and Novorossiysk.

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SUBJECT: USSR. Ports of Odessa and Novorossiysk.

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1) Naval vessels sighted

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a) [] at latitude 46 11 north, longitude
31 14 east, a fighting vessel was sighted at anchor:

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one cylindrical funnel raked aft and having smoke
baffle []

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one tripod mast; raked bow, transom stern, continuous
deck; one radar antenna on mast; white flag bearing
hammer and sickle. []

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b) [] at lat. 45 30 north and long. 32 05 east

five cruisers were sighted at a distance of 10 miles;

they were coming from Perekop Gulf, northeast of Cape

Tarklan, and proceeding on a southwesterly course. At

dawn of the next day, [] the five cruisers per-

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forming evolutions in the Sevastopol area. They probably
exercised during the night.

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2) Beaconing

☐ At lat. 46 11 north and long. 31 14 east a few buoys not marked on the charts were observed; they were placed on the route to Odessa, 5 miles abreast of Cape Tarkhan: latticework buoy, white and red; cylindrical mooring buoy; *and a* latticework buoy with unremembered colors. The distance between the two lattice buoys was about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. On the right, in line with the last lattice buoy and at 90 degrees to the above course at an unestimated distance there was a float painted white and red. ☐ the depth ☐ varied from 17 to 19 fathoms.

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3) Shore watch for security reasons

☐ Searchlights continuously keep ships away from shore. If any vessel approaches too close, it is warned by Morse but also blinker, especially along the Crimean shore/ from Cape Anapa to Novorossiysk.

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2) Naval vessels observed

a)

a vessel

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at anchor (see Folio A, No. 1, letter a). At the

same time a vessel of the same class

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was seen at anchor in the New Harbor.

b)

naval tanker of about 2,500 tons arrived

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and anchored in the outer harbor

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its

/two guns were covered by paulins,

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one forward and one far aft, abaft the bridge.

c)

a ship was seen at some distance

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proceeding from north to south; it was a destroyer with

two funnels

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d)

a ship anchored in the outer

harbor after arriving from sea. It was a naval cable

layer with one high, cylindrical funnel above the bridge;

two boom masts in

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the two wells, three quarterdecks, raked bow, cruiser

stern; armament not sighted; one radar antenna on the

navigation bridge near the direction finder; the bow cable

lifter

~~was~~ was quite raked as in sailing vessels and had two

rollers on the upper side.

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e)

a submarine left the naval

harbor and headed slowly eastward.

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the conning tower was at least

12 feet high, not streamlined, and had no visible poles.

No armament was visible; a line of horizontal ports

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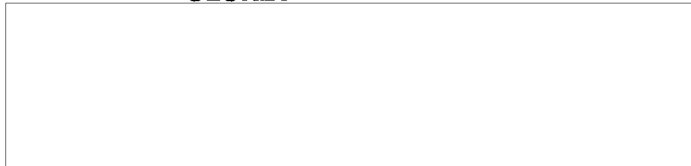
at the middle

~~along the side~~ of the outer hull. The submarine seemed

almost immersed so that the line of openings on the side

were barely visible at the waterline. No gas was released.

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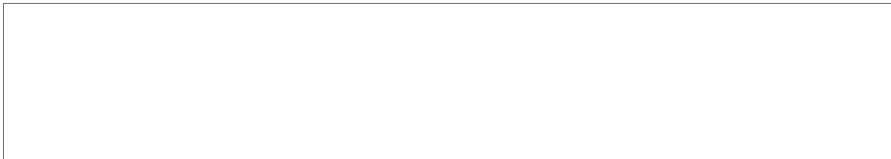


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c) USSR. Port of Novorossiysk



No naval units were present in the port.
Merchant ship activity was mostly confined to coal and cement trade.



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